

Presentation to

# Warren Town Council

Warren Town Beach

Sanitary Investigation Results

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# Presentation Overview

- Review of previous work and current goals.
- Sanitary sewer investigation methods & results.
- Conclusions and recommended next steps.





# Review of Previous Work & Goals of Current Study



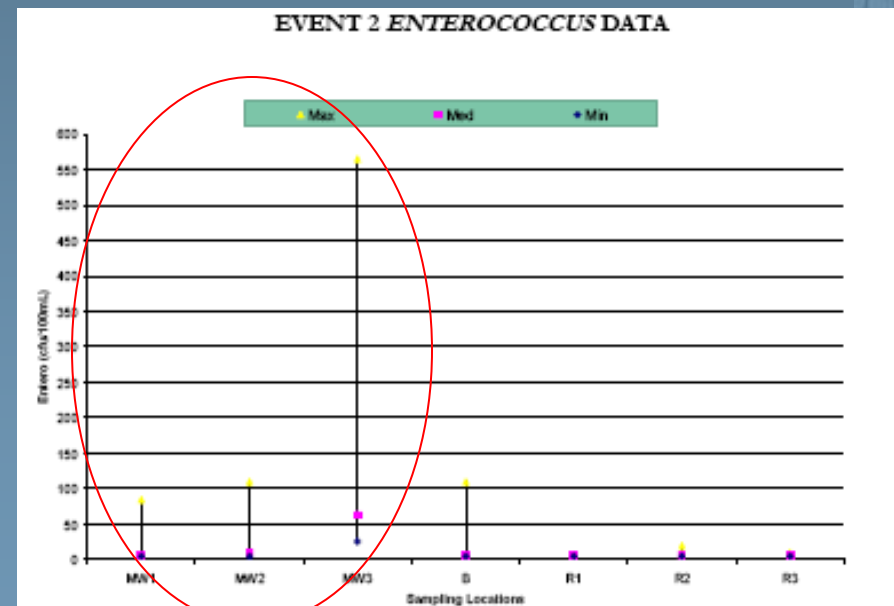
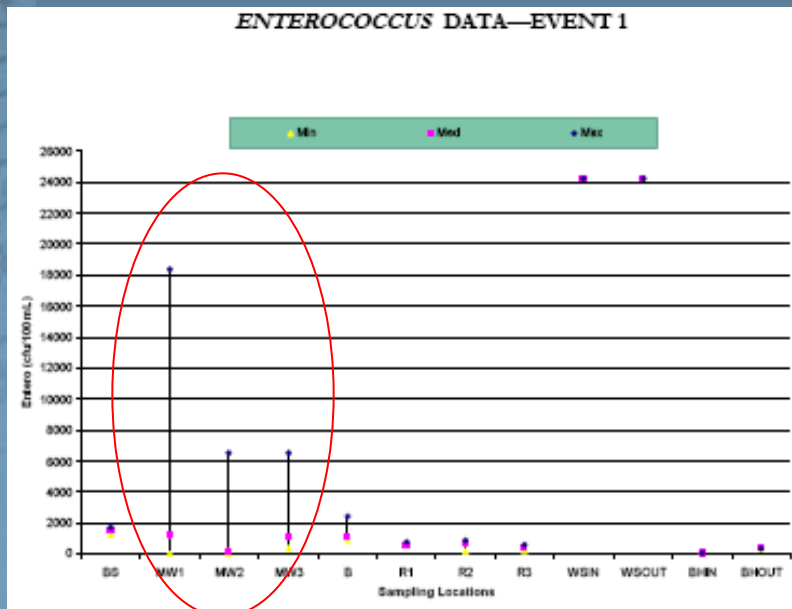
# Background

- Bacteria problems.
- Unknown sources.
- Previous interventions (e.g., lining the pipe) have been less effective than hoped.



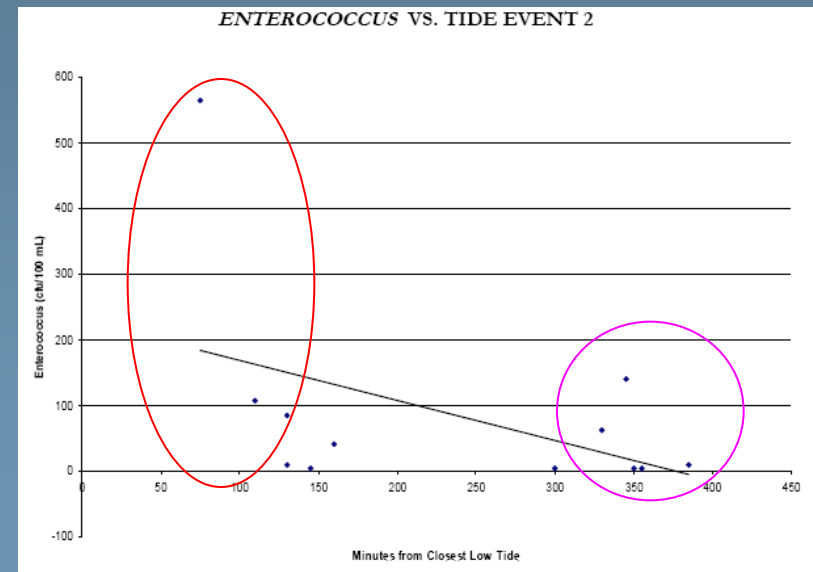
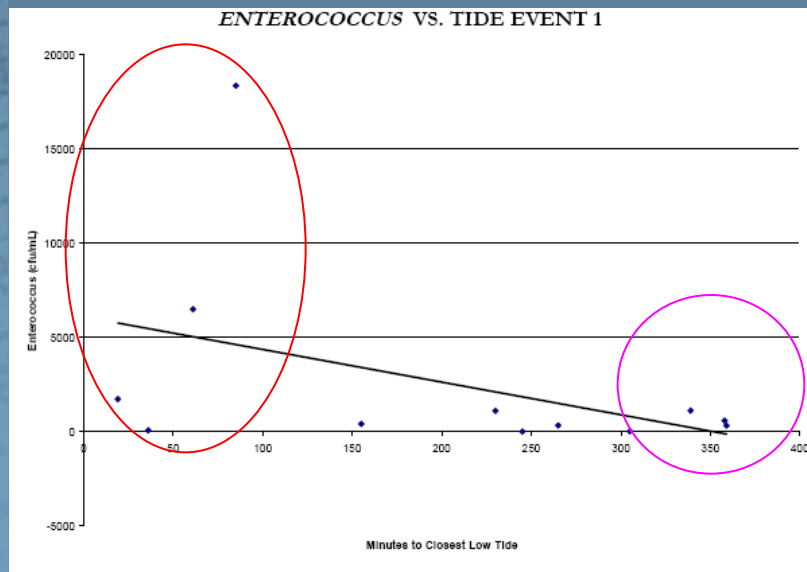
# During our Previous Study We Found

- Problem is wet-weather related, but not always.
- Unusually high levels of bacteria and signature sanitary contaminants in groundwater.



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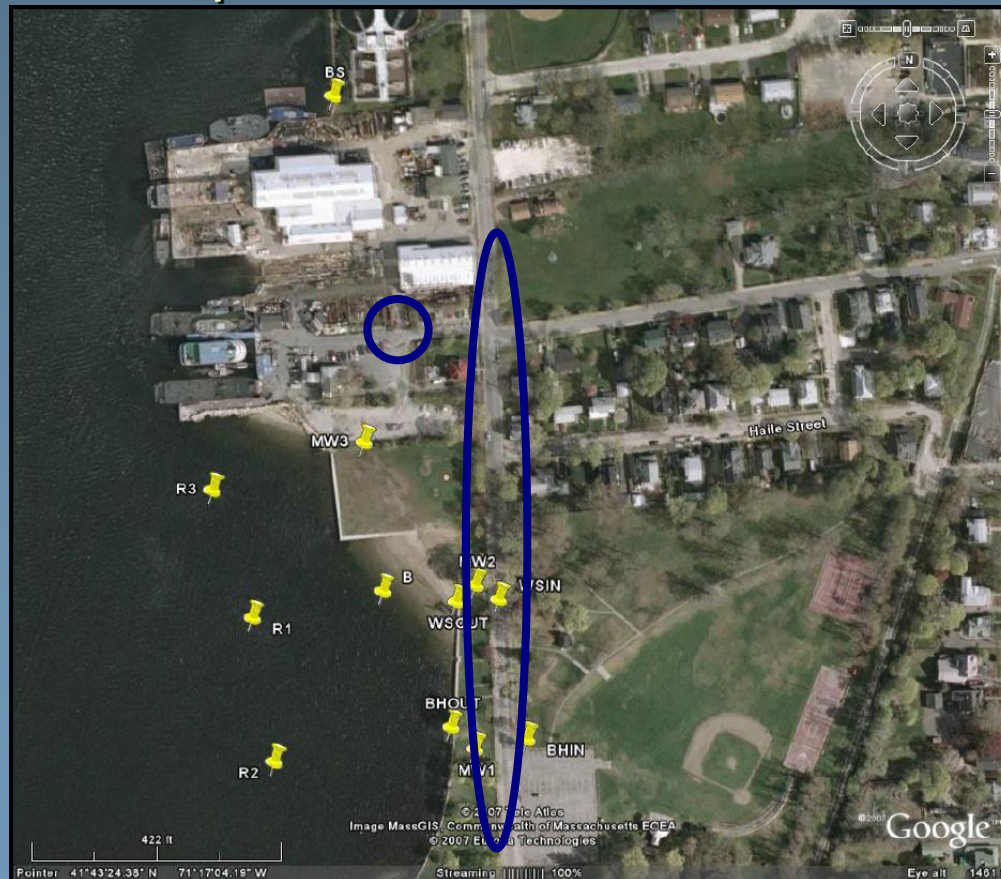
- Groundwater gradient at low tide draws subsurface contamination to the beach.





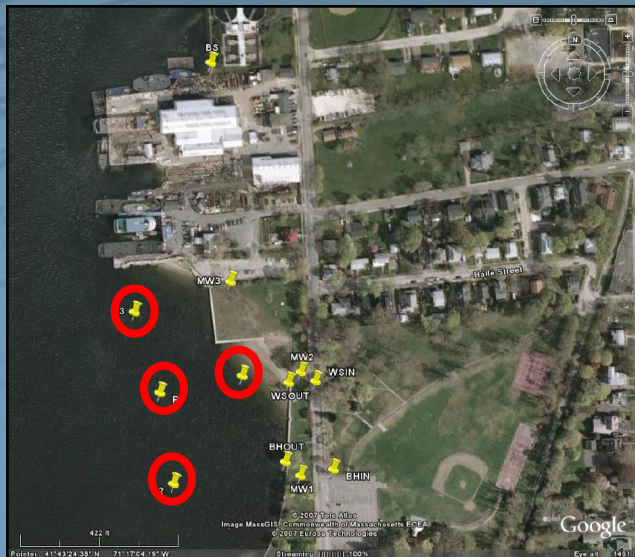
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- Potential subsurface sources—Water St sewers and Blount Pumpout Tank.



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- Dye-testing shows contaminants tend to persist in the beach area.
- Based on dye-testing results, primary sources of impact are likely to be close to the beach.



**RHODAMINE DYE CONCENTRATION  
OBSERVED AT BEACH AND RIVER LOCATIONS**

Time Since Dye Injection	Beach (Dye in ppb)	R1 (Dye in ppb)	R2 (Dye in ppb)	R3 (Dye in ppb)
Hour 1	7.30	5.10	5.06	3.12
Hour 6	8.00	7.89	7.77	3.44
Hour 18	6.00	4.78	3.55	3.14
Hour 24	3.63	2.12	0.75	4.73
Hour 30	3.85	2.21	0.15	4.81



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# Sanitary Sewer Investigation Methods & Results



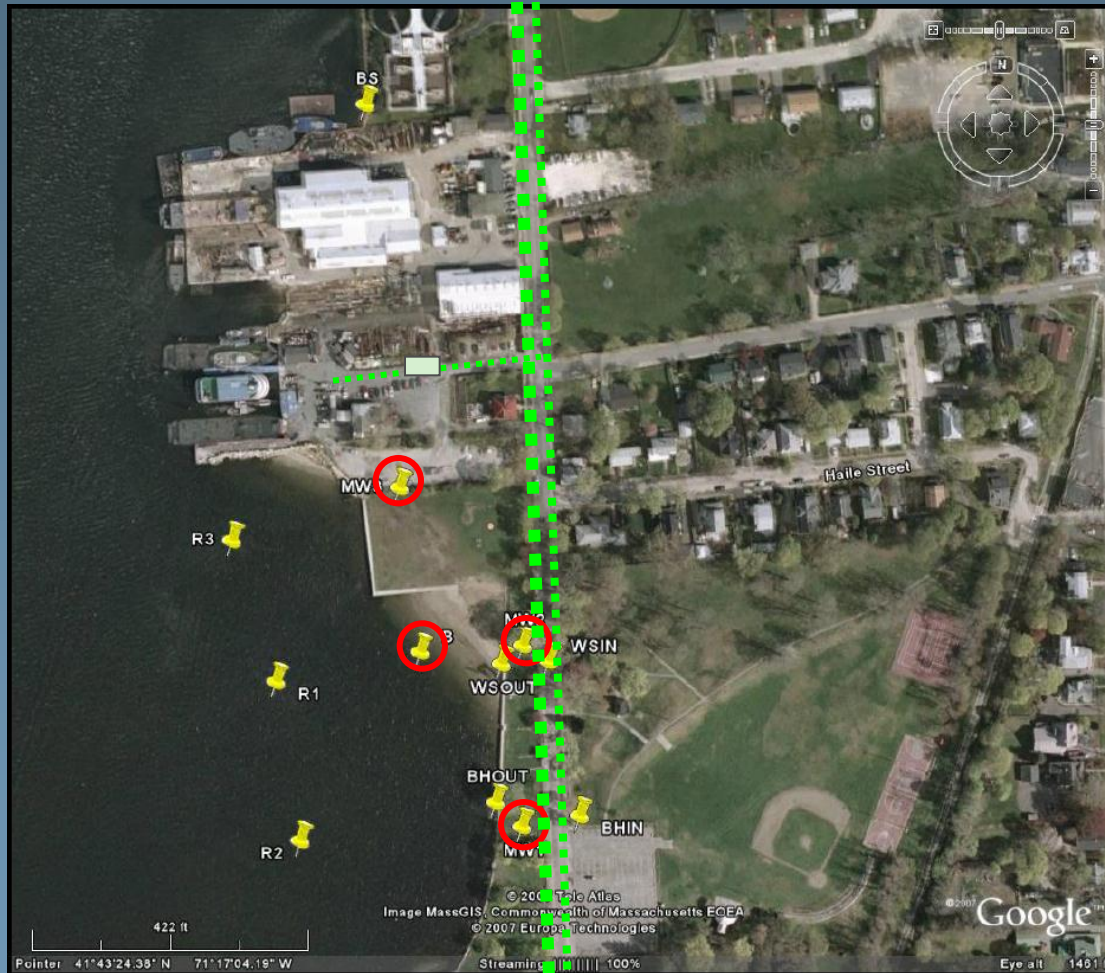
# Sanitary Sewer Investigation

Pinpoint source of groundwater contamination:

- Blount Tank
  - *TV Examination*
  - *leak test*
  - *dye test*
- Water St sewers (12-inch, 24-inch)
  - *dye tests*
  - *Informal leak test*

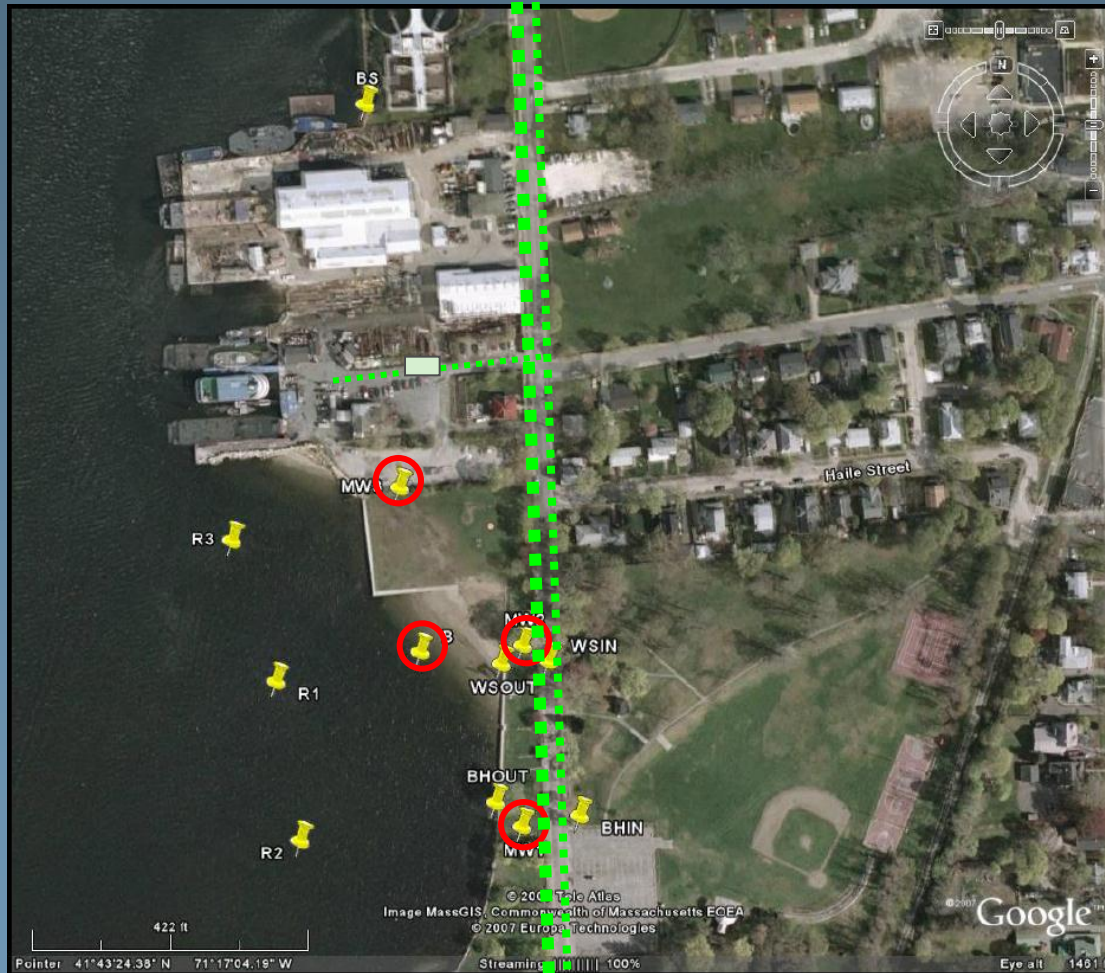


# Study Area & Monitoring Locations





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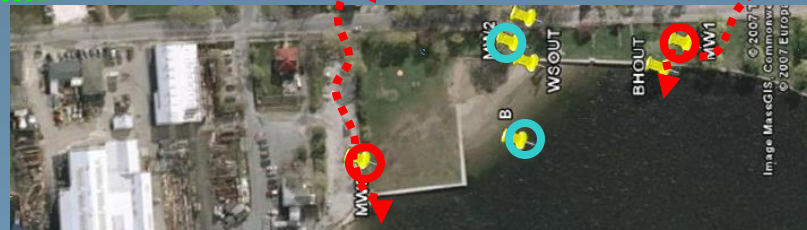
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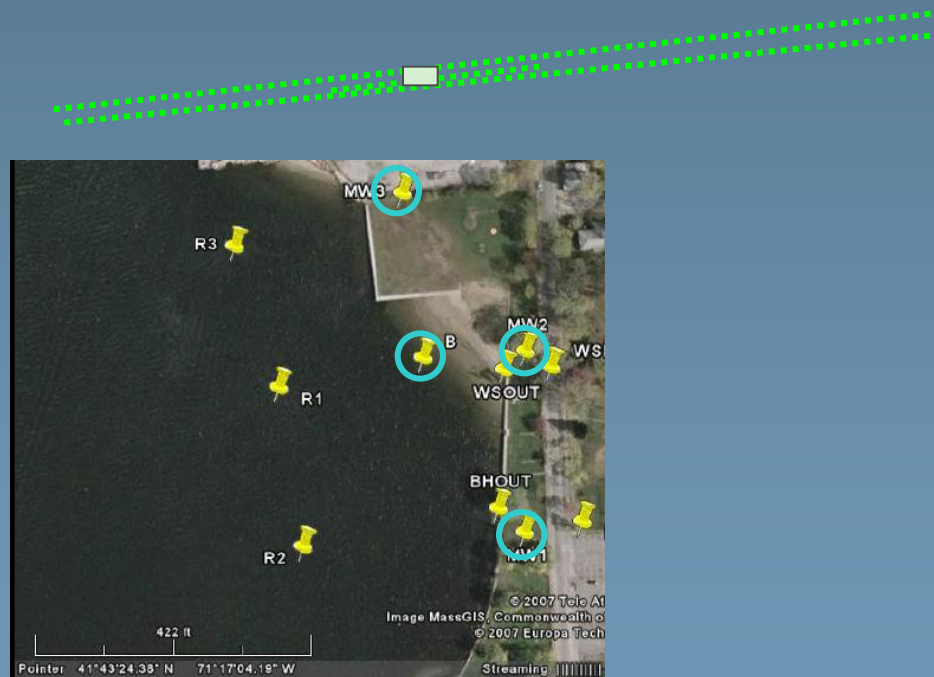
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# Investigation at Blount Boats

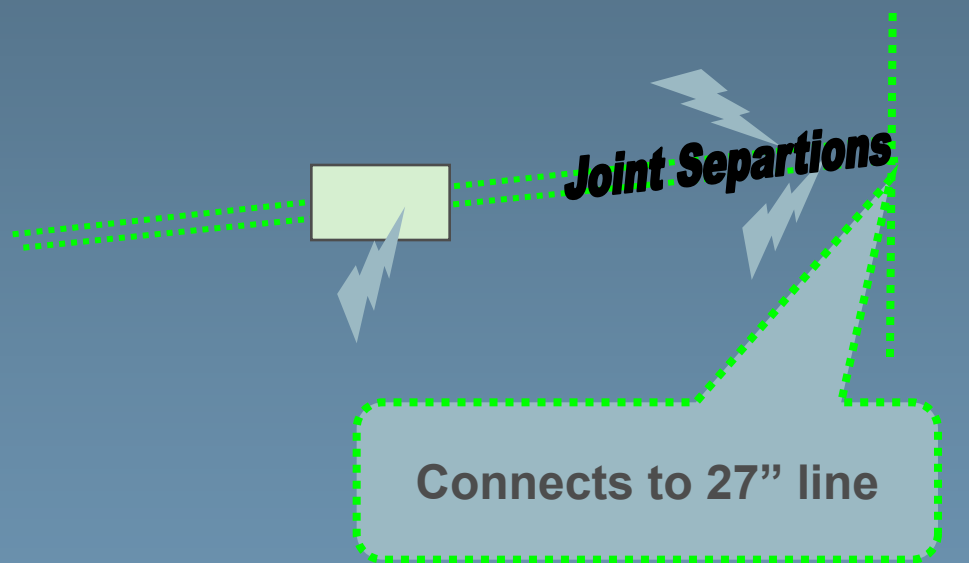


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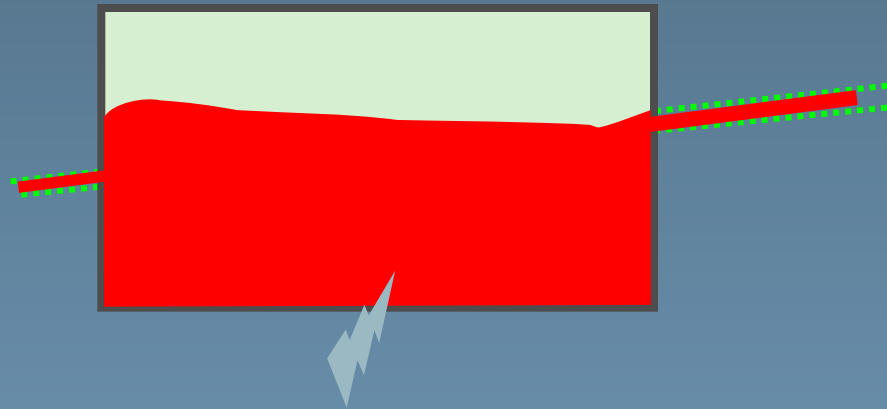
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## Leak Investigation



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## Leak Test

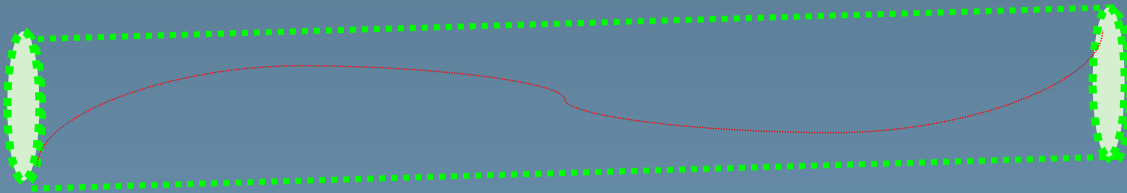


8 hours later = 6-inch loss



# 24" Line Dye-Test Results

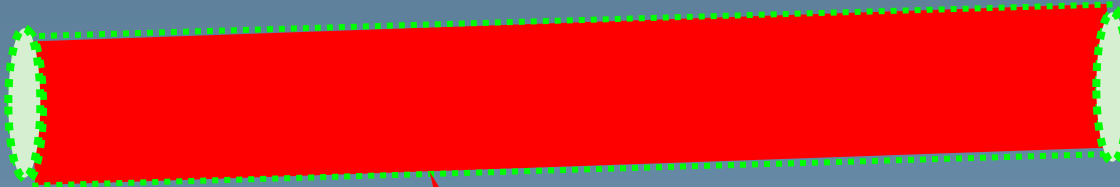
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# 24" Line Dye-Test Observations

Dye backflowing from  
12-inch line  
connection

***~1100 feet***



- Supported by TV investigation that shows infiltration into the 24-inch line.

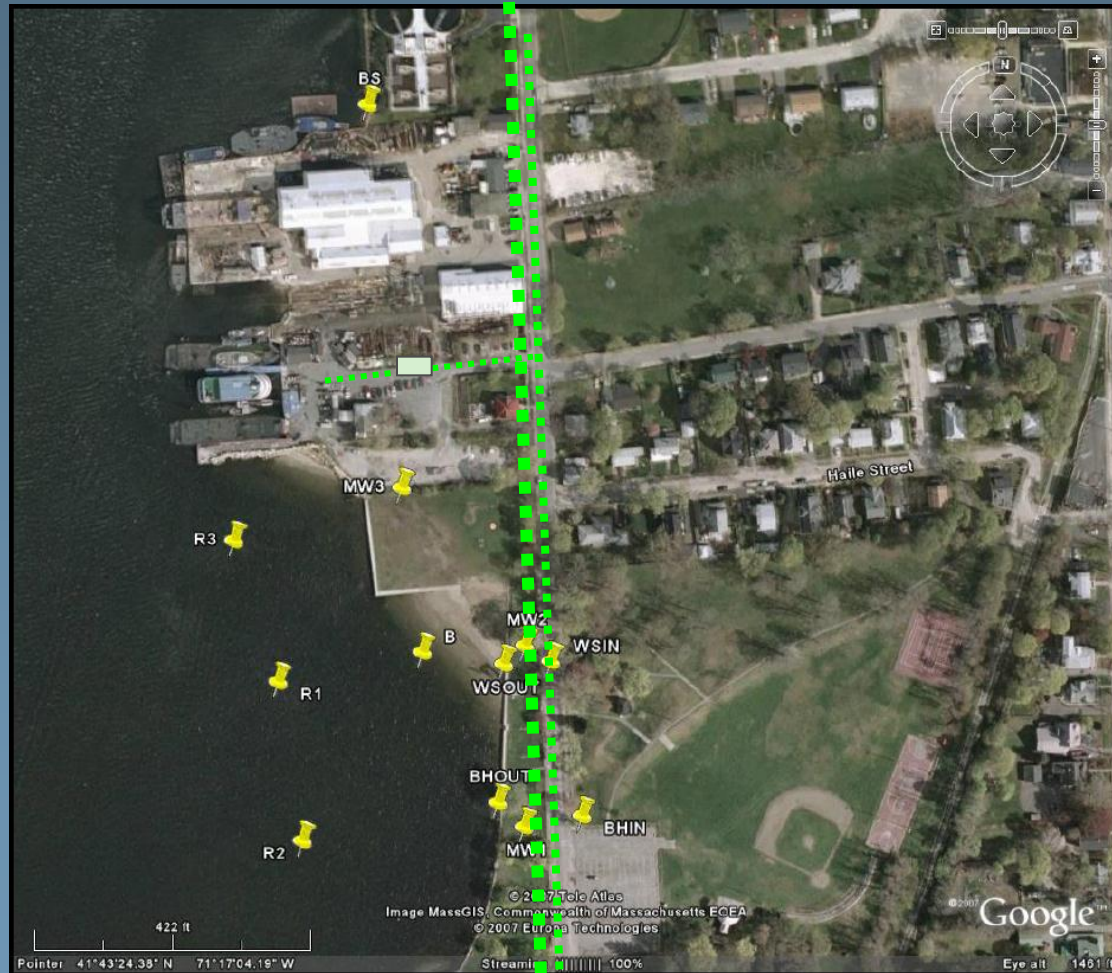
***8 hours later = 1/2 empty***

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# Conclusions & Recommended Next Steps



# Bristol Bay Estuary Tolerant Species Line





# Alternatives Available

- Fully line 12-inch, 24-inch, 27-inch lines.
- Redo lining, but attempt to reuse existing lining.
- Replace sewers.
- Line as a temporary measure, then replace sewers.

Alternative	Approximate Schedule to Open Beach	Low-End Cost	High-End Cost	Long Term Reliability
Fully Line Sewers	June - July	\$500,000	\$700,000	L - M
Reuse Existing Lining	June - July	\$400,000	\$600,000	Low
Replace Sewers	1 - 2 years	\$1,700,000	\$2,200,000	High
Line Sewers, Then Replace	June - July	\$2,100,000	\$2,900,000	High



# Next Steps

## If Lining

- Determine if partial lining is viable
  - *TV inspection of sewer lines and preliminary design*
    - *TV (~\$10K); Preliminary design (~\$8K)*
  - *Design and inspection are necessary whether or not the Town fully or partially lines*
  - *Appropriate funding...the Town should assume the high-end cost (i.e., \$800,000)*
- Select an alternative and install lining

## If Replacing Sewer Only

- Appropriate funds for preliminary design
- Seek SRF funding & consider other funding sources

